

MEN WHO FIRE FRANCE'S BIG GUNS OCCUPY POSTS OF HONOR AND DANGER



FRENCH READY TO FIRE UPON THE ENEMY

The photograph, made recently near the Somme, shows French gunners setting a shell of 155 millimeters. The men, equipped with gas masks, are in a very dangerous section, as

may be seen by the bracelet on the wrist of the one on the right of the picture. The bracelet is welded to the wearer's wrist and is stamped with a number, which is recorded in Paris, where the man's photograph

and pedigree are filed. This shell is one of the largest used by the French. It is only slightly smaller than the famous sixteen centimeter shell with which the Germans smashed the Belgian forts.

UNDER COVER OF TERRIFIC ARTILLERY FIRE, INFANTRY OF ALLIES MAKES BIG GAIN

British Front in France, Sept. 25.—Yesterday was another great day for the Anglo-French forces on the Somme. As a spectacle for the observer it was the most splendid of all the attacks made by the allied forces since the commencement of the great offensive. What either army was trying to do and how they were doing it, the positions they held and sought to conquer in the deep play of the blue French legions and khaki-clad brigades of Britons were comprehensible to the eye in the glorious autumn sunlight for a sweep of ten miles.

The scene had the intoxication of war's grandeur—if war can be said to have any grandeur. Tonight the British have taken half of Morval, all of Les Boeufs and have advanced their line on a front of 3,000 yards, on an average depth of 1,000 yards; the French have stormed Trancourt and pushed their line to the outskirts of the little village of Fregicourt, a mile east and a little north of Comblies.

The German stronghold of Comblies is virtually isolated. The correspondent of the Associated Press went forward yesterday over the ridge of Devil's Wood and Ginchy region which the British had fought for over two months to gain. He walked for two miles through an area which reverberated to the blazes of the great guns, picking his way between the bursts of flame from the crashing batteries and moving around the rows of cannon as one who seeks a ford in a stream. On the other side of the ridge he saw guns where he had never seen them before—on the promised land of the lower levels which the British had won by persistent siege work. The guns were close up to the British infantry who listened to their thunderous chorus as they prepared for the charge of today's attack.

"The usual artillery preparation," said an artillery officer. On his return the correspondent decided that he would not pass through that wilderness of British guns of all sizes and calibre, while he had any hearing left. Every one of them was firing at top speed. He chose a gallery which too him past many batteries which for two miles were pouring out their share of the raging tempest of gunfire. From the ruins of some old German trenches, whence the battle panorama stretched before him, the correspondent had a near view of the French gunners who were feeding shells into the gun breeches as grain is fed into a threshing machine and with the mechanical provisions of automatons.

Shortly after noon was the time chosen for the infantry to rush forward under the cover of a final intensive chorus of hell from the artillery. The ridges in front were flecked with racing sparks of flame. Within an hour at least 50,000 shells must have been fired within sight of the correspondent. Far to the south was Mont St. Quentin, two miles from Peronne and commanding that town which, the allied commanders say, will fall like a ripe plum when the time comes.

The hill lay hazy above the green foliage of the river valley in the midst of great bursts of black smoke from shells of enormous calibre. Directly in front was Comblies, another town which has come to mean much to the imagination of the men of England and France who seem to regard its capture as of vital significance. Comblies differed from all the villages in sight in that the walls of many of its buildings were still standing. It was different, too, in the fact that it formed an oasis in the midst of the storm of battle. Neither artillery nor infantry paid any attention to it. The passage of battle was the high ground around it, the possession of which means the command of the town. Farther north lay the ruins of Ginchy and Guillemont.

At the appointed time, the waves of infantry surged forward to the attack. Then the tremendous fire of the guns swelled to its utmost volume until the whole field was lost in vast clouds of smoke. The attacking infantry vanished in that grim pall while high overhead scores of sausage balloons in the brilliant sunlight strove vainly to see what was passing beneath them. Then across the dead fields across the ground around it, the possession of which means the command of the town. Farther north lay the ruins of Ginchy and Guillemont.

Presently the British wounded began to straggle back and their bearing, as they moved along beside their prisoners, was another criterion by which the correspondence knew how the day had gone, without making inquiries of the staff. The German machine guns had stopped them, for a while, at some points, but generally reports told of every position being taken on the minute set in the program. The British wounded said that of course they got there, as they were used to getting there. The great gratification was that it was becoming an even fight since the Germans had no more prepared lines, but both armies were fighting in the open. According to the British officers, the Germans on the fighting front have no longer any trenches except those which are dug under fire.

SEASIDE COUNCIL, R. A., WILL VISIT NORWALK

Seaside Council, Royal Arcanum, will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, September 27, in its rooms, Citizens' building, 1025 Main street. The members are requested to be in attendance. After the meeting a large delegation will go by automobiles to visit Ponassus council, Norwalk and take part in a union meeting. Councils from Port Chester, N. Y., Greenwich, Stamford, South Norwalk, Danbury, New Haven and Milford will be largely represented.

Ponassus council has arranged for a gala night. A parade, fire works, special entertainers from New York, music, concluding with an old fashioned class supper, are on the program. This council is in competition with three other councils in this jurisdiction for a prize and all indications point to a most enjoyable evening.

DIED.

CHENU—In this city, Monday, Sept. 25, 1916, Pandu S. Chenu, aged 27 years.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the parents, 585 Carroll avenue, on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at 2 o'clock, and from the Orthodox Greek church, West Liberty St., at 2 p. m. Burial at Park cemetery.

MOORE—In this city, Sunday, Sept. 24, 1916, Margaret Long Moore, daughter of George and Mary E. Moore, aged 7 years, 2 months, 13 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the parents, 285 Carroll avenue, on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 2 o'clock p. m. Burial at St. Michael's cemetery.

JOHNSTON—In this city, Sept. 25, 1916, Margaret Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston, aged 6 years, 11 months, 6 days. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the parents, No. 300 Newfield avenue, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Interment, Park cemetery.

DONOVAN—In this city, Sept. 24, 1916, David Donovan. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, 634 Lafayette street, on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 8:30 a. m., and from Sacred Heart church at 9 a. m., with solemn high mass. Interment St. Michael's cemetery.

TETMEAR—In this city, Sept. 24, 1916, Charlotte, beloved wife of Gustave Tetmeare, aged 26 years, and Meta, 6 months old daughter, who died Sept. 14. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the cousin, Henry Pomelelt, 40 Orland street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and from the First German Evangelical Lutheran Zion church, Grand St., at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Park cemetery.

WANTED—Position by middle aged lady at general housework. Thoroughly competent. Address N. S. care General Delivery. 126 d*

FOR SALE—Bay mare, 13 years old, weight 1250 lbs. Kind and serviceable. J. N. Whitney, Long Hill. Phone 46-3. 126 b*

LOST—Gold Watch with silver pin, between A. S. Beach and B. Beach, Trumbull. Suitable reward. Box 99, R. D. No. 1. 126 b*

WANTED—Three good live men for money-making proposition. Business all the year round. Call Room 301, Warner Bldg. 126 a*

WANTED—A blacksmith: horse-shoer and general jobber. Steady work and ready position for steady man. A. Brasos & Sons, Inc., Middletown, Conn. 126 u*

WANTED—Shade man thoroughly experienced in hanging, cutting and measuring. Good pay and steady position. Neums & Vaughn, Broad and State. 126 b*

TO RENT—Furnished room, 652 State St., rear. Large and small rooms. Vacuum cleaner used. Steam heat. Private house. Phone Barnum 3318. 126 a*

FOR SALE—NEW HOUSE—New high class single residence, ready about Nov. 10th. Finest part Park Ave., next Eaton St., ten rooms, two baths, oak floors, open fireplace, hot water heat, tiled bath, electric fixtures, wide veranda. Inquire Joseph W. Northrop, architect, Court Exchange Bldg. 126 a*

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street

Bridgeport, Conn.

Weather—Partly overcast and

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1916

warmer tonight and Wednesday.

I don't see why

you make men's suits to measure
when you have such fine clothes
all ready to wear!



The man who said that had found by personal test just how fine Howland clothes are. And he could not imagine why any man should need to "bother" with having his clothes made.

But he forgot the main aim of this store—Service.

It is not the store's place to tell a man what he should wear.

It is the store's place to find out what a man prefers—and then supply it.

That is why we make clothes to measure.

There are a few men—not so many as there used to be—who believe they can be satisfied only with clothes made to measure from fabrics which they choose in the piece. This is just as much those men's store as it is any other men's.

And we are ready to serve them right now to their special benefit.

For a little time longer—suit or overcoat, in correct new style, of handsome and good woolen fabric,—\$18

The clothes are here to pick from. The styles are faithfully pictured. The workmanship and satisfaction we guarantee. All that is needed is a prompt decision.

Great big warm ulsters, also made to measure,—\$20

Main floor, rear.

Good warm underwear.

It's a wise man who doesn't delay getting into warmer underwear.

Discomfort, and chill, and many a doctor's bill; all are avoided by the man who guards against early Autumn breezes.

Good warm underwear in many qualities and in all sizes ready right now—from fine wool union suits at \$3 to gray or white shirts or drawers of cotton at 50 cents.

Union suits, by the way, are mighty-comfortable in cool weather—they keep a man protected thoroughly.

Just inside Main street door.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

IDENTIFY MAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN ROAD AT SANDY HOOK BRIDGE

(Special to The Farmer.) Newtown, Sept. 26.—Mike Dublucky, employed by a compatriot, Bijah Wolchowski, for the last two years, is the man found unconscious in Sandy Hook about 8 o'clock Sunday night. He is in a dangerous condition. Whether the wagon in which he was riding with a companion, was struck by an automobile or not could not be ascertained, but the local authorities are investigating. The occurrence took place after the patrolman left the post for the day. The Girls' Friendly club resumed meetings and work for the year at the home of one of the directors of the association.

After a visit of several days in Bridgeport Mrs. Ellen Brady is a guest at Troy's Hotel, Sandy Hook. Miss Doris Downs of Danbury, who is a member of the High school faculty, will be domiciled at the home of Principal Hickson during the school year. Sixty-five new voters were made Saturday at the meeting of the suffrage board. Of this number seven

were women voters, all but one of whom register from Lake George district. Herman D. Oppe and Russell Wheeler of Newtown have entered the Mass. Agricultural Institute, departing Sunday for Amherst.

James W. Porter will give up his place in the Newtown Inn after the week of the Danbury fair. Manager Phillips of the Pembroke Hotel, Woodmont, will be his successor. General regret is felt over the withdrawal of Mr. Porter not only by the patrons of the hotel and the traveling motorists, but by the townspeople generally. Mr. Porter took an active interest in everything calculated to help progress in the town during his residence here, and his voluntary services will be greatly missed. He expects to take a rest of several months before engaging in active work again.

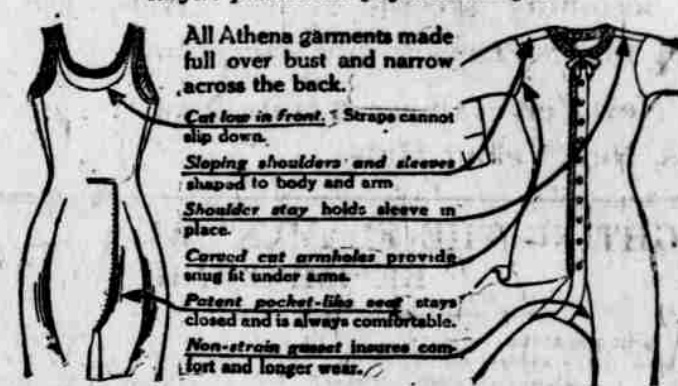
The public and parochial schools opened yesterday and so far as reports to the school board inform the attendance comes up to expectations. The registration at the High school was in excess of 100, and the Sandy Hook graded school showed an increase of 10 over last year. John P. Keating has returned to St. John's College, Brooklyn, for his senior year. His aunt, Mrs. P. H.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street

Real comfort in Athena underwear.

Special features which give ATHENA Underwear its daintiness, comfort qualities and perfect tailored fit:



All Athena garments made full over bust and narrow across the back.
Cut low in front. Straps cannot slip down.
Sloping shoulders and sleeves shaped to body and arm.
Shoulder stay holds sleeve in place.
Corset cut armholes provide snug fit under arms.
Patent pocket-like seat stays closed and is always comfortable.
Non-strain gusset ensures comfort and longer wear.

Most any underwear of warm material will keep one reasonably warm.

Athena underwear does more. It keeps a woman or a child thoroughly warm—and it keeps that same woman or child absolutely comfortable.

There is one feature in which Athena underwear is different from all others—IT ACTUALLY FITS.

This is because Athena underwear is tailored. Each garment is cut to a pattern just as a dress or coat. That pattern is carefully drafted; its lines are the natural graceful lines of the human figure. No Athena underwear is pulled or stretched into shape. It is both cut in proper shape and stitched in proper shape. So it stays in form-fitting lines, gives genuine comfort.

Athena underwear is narrow where the figure is narrow, full where the figure is full. Union suits, for example, are shaped in at the waist, are narrow across back, have cuffs which clasp closely and do not slip. Every Athena union suit, or pair of pants, has a patent seat. This seat is unique in pattern and gives wearer ample room yet is so made that there is full protection at all times.

But all these features do not cost one extra penny!

Athena underwear sells for no more than any underwear of equal fabric quality. Yet it has these features which no other underwear possesses.

Here are the varieties now ready:—

For women

Vests of soft warm cotton, good weight, high low or Dutch neck,—50c and 59c.

Tights or ankle-length pants, good warm cotton,—50c and 59c.

Merino vests, cotton and wool inter-knit, high or low or Dutch neck,—75c and \$1.

Merino pants and tights,—75c and \$1.

Vests and pants and tights of wool inter-knit with cotton in proportion of about 3 parts wool to one of cotton, vests in high or low or Dutch style,—\$1 and \$1.25.

Union suits of fine-spun cotton, medium or heavy texture, Dutch or high neck, long or elbow sleeves, ankle length,—\$1 and \$1.25.

Merino union suits, high or Dutch neck and ankle length,—\$1.50 and \$1.75.

Fine three-fourths wool union suits, Dutch or high neck, elbow or long sleeves,—\$2 and \$2.25.

Silk-and-wool union suits of special soft firmness and fineness, light of weight but wonderfully warm, low-neck sleeveless style in either knee or ankle length. Dutch neck with elbow sleeves and high neck with long sleeves both in ankle length,—\$3 and \$3.25.

Especially fine vests of wool—Dutch neck with elbow sleeves, low neck with no sleeves, high neck with long sleeves; half wool,—\$1 and \$1.25. Three-fourths wool,—\$1 and \$1.25. All wool,—\$1.50 and \$1.75.

For children

Fleece vests with high neck and long sleeves,—35c and 50c.

Ankle-length fleece pants,—35c and 50c.

Union suits, fleece, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length,—50c and 75c.

Merino vests with Dutch neck and elbow sleeves or high neck and long sleeves,—50c and 75c.

Warm soft merino pantalettes,—50c and 75c.

White cotton vests, medium weight, high or Dutch neck,—35c and 50c.

Ankle-length pants of medium-weight cotton,—35c and 50c.

Silver-merino vests and pants, vests with high or Dutch neck,—50c and 75c.

Boys' union suits, fine silver merino, high neck, long sleeves,—\$1 and \$1.25.

White merino union suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length,—\$1 and \$1.25.

Left aisle, rear.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

Griffin, who spent the summer with her mother, Mrs. Peter Bradley, returned with him.

William Clark of Waterbury has been a recent visitor in town. Mrs. P. W. Campbell has returned from a visit of a week with Mrs. Harry Walker of New Haven. Miss Mary McNamara has taken a position with the Fabric Fire Hose Co.

The town clerk has received notice of the levying of the state, military and county taxes, which total more than \$3,500. They are due Nov. 1. W. Whitlock will move into the John L. Sanford dwelling as soon as it is renovated. W. E. Rathbun is in charge of the work.

Beardsley Host To Delegates at The Country Club

Judge Morris B. Beardsley, candidate of the Democratic party for governor, entertained the delegates representing Bridgeport in the state convention, when he was nominated. The dinner was given at the Country club, and was attended by the following: George F. Mara, Col. J. M. Murray, M. J. Clabby, William F. Russell, Daniel E. Walker, Robert G. DeForest, P. H. Brady, John H. Coughlin, Town Chairman Hugh Lavery, Isaac Moorey Thomas M. Cullinan, Charles Stewart Canfield, Daniel E. Brennan, James F. Coates, George T. Coughlin, M. J. Clabby, George C. Waldo, Jr., Customs Collector James L. McGovern, Postmaster Charles F.

Greene, John Ford, Thomas Reddy, Lynn W. Wilson.

CENTRAL LEATHER DIVIDEND
New York, Sept. 26.—Directors of the Central Leather Company today declared an extra-dividend of 1 per cent. on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.

THE WEATHER

New Haven, Sept. 26.—For New Haven and vicinity: Partly overcast and warmer tonight and Wednesday.

For Connecticut: Partly overcast and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Gentle, variable winds becoming south.

Weather conditions: The eastern high is now on the Atlantic coast and fair weather prevails east of the Mississippi river except in the lake region. It is cool in the northeast with light frosts. A trough of low pressure extends from New Mexico northward over Minnesota. A high is entering the country on the Oregon coast. No pronounced general temperature changes have occurred. There is much cloudiness over the great plains and in the northern sections, with light rains in the lake region and in the extreme northwest. Light to heavy rains have fallen in the western part of the cotton region.

Bermuda was swept by a severe storm, damaging many buildings.